

ANNUAL REPORT

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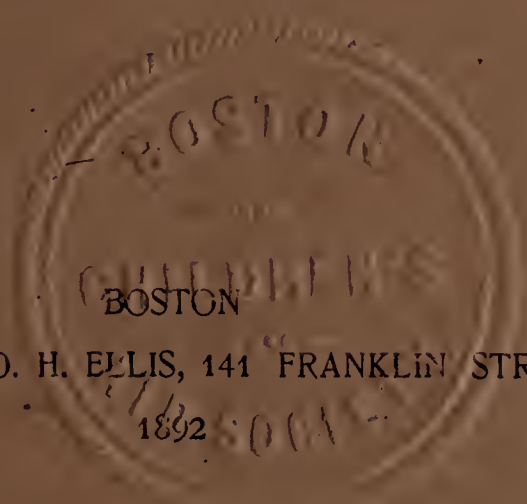
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OF THE

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BOARD OF MANAGERS, 1892-93.

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Mrs. LEWIS MORSE.

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Mrs. A. J. WHITING.

Mrs. JOHN CARR.

Mrs. C. F. COPELAND.

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Mrs. EDWIN WAITE.

Mrs. J. H. SMYTHE.

Matron.

Mrs. MARY B. CURTIS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

SOLON W. BUSH.	HENRY WOOD.
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C. H. PLIMPTON.	

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

Mrs. T. J. HOMER, 59 Winthrop Street.
Mrs. C. E. MILES, Warren Street.
Miss A. M. HAINES, 231 Savin Hill Avenue, Dorchester.

COMMITTEE ON FURNISHING AND REPLENISHING.

Mrs. W. KITTREDGE.	Mrs. PARKER.	Mrs. WYMAN.
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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Mrs. WARD.	Mrs. BOLSTER.	Mrs. FOWLE.
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COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

Mr. BEAN.	Mr. CARR.	Mr. WOOD.
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VISITING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. WYMAN.	<i>April.</i>	Mrs. COPELAND.
Mrs. PARKER.	<i>May.</i>	Miss HOLDEN.
Mrs. BIRD.	<i>June.</i>	Mrs. MILES.
Miss WHITE.	<i>July.</i>	Mrs. WHITING.
Mrs. HOMER.	<i>August.</i>	Mrs. MORSE.
Mrs. IRESON.	<i>September.</i>	Mrs. F. KITTREDGE.
Mrs. WM. KITTREDGE.	<i>October.</i>	Mrs. D. P. BOSWORTH.
Miss FOWLE.	<i>November.</i>	Mrs. BOLSTER.
Mrs. CLAPP.	<i>December.</i>	Mrs. PLIMPTON.
Mrs. SMYTHE.	<i>January.</i>	Mrs. BOLLES.
Mrs. CARR.	<i>February.</i>	Mrs. WAITE.
Mrs. TRIPP.	<i>March.</i>	Miss NEVERS.

REPORT.

IN our report of last year we noted the completion of the new building, and after a year we realize the advantages and benefits derived from our efforts, and feel that the decision in regard to enlarging the Home, and thereby extending the opportunities for befriending many more, was wise.

During the year that has passed we have added to our household seven new members; and the family at present numbers twenty-five, giving to these women a permanent home, where their declining years may be spent quietly and pleasantly free from cares and anxieties to which many aged people are subject.

As stated in our last report, we have accommodation for thirty-one inmates; but on account of our limited income, which has been deemed insufficient at present for so large a family, we have been obliged to restrict the number, although we would gladly admit all eligible applicants.

The customary Fair or Sale held at the Home on Memorial Day, in which the members of the Board of Managers take such an interest, as a means of keeping alive the interest of the public, and also of extending our charity, seems to be a source from which both pleasure and profit may be derived; and the friends of the Home will be glad to welcome all who may be interested in the extension of the good work.

The Home will be open from eleven in the morning till six in the afternoon.

The work for children still continues the same as in previous years, aiding them indirectly by assistance given to mothers with families of young people growing up, without income, or insufficient means of support; and the Board looks anxiously forward to the day when they can increase the work done in this branch of our charity.

The loss to the Home of the faithful physician, Dr. Streeter, early in the year, was keenly felt by all. He had faithfully ministered to the wants of the household for years, and brought healing to many who were sick and suffering. And his kindly qualifications of character won for him the love of the aged and infirm.

Since our meeting of a year ago three members of our family of aged people have passed on to a higher life.

Mrs. Melville, dying December 2d, of pneumonia, after an illness of a few days.

Miss Robbins and Mrs. Huggins passed away in January. The illness of the former was very short; but Mrs. Huggins, who had been an inmate many years and whose illness dates back for months, was finally released.

We would gratefully acknowledge our appreciation of the many favors and attentions received from the many who take such a kindly interest in the Home, and those who receive the benefits of its sheltering care.

As years go on, we are anxiously looking forward to the time when our funds will be sufficient to enable us to satisfy the many calls made to admit more to the friendly shelter of the Home, to increase the sum set apart for children, and to fill the House to its fullest capacity.

Mrs. Mary B. Curtis, the matron, still presides over this family with the same calm dignity as formerly, and is beloved for her many good qualities.

GEORGE H. WYMAN, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH ROXBURY HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED WOMEN.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
To Balance on Hand April 1, 1891,		By Loss on Stock sold,	\$1,746.01
Income from Admissions,	\$278.26		193.12
Income from Investments,	1,650.00	Table Supplies,	1,546.04
Income from Board,	4,087.72	Salaries, Wages, and Labor,	1,523.14
Income from Subscriptions:—	281.00	Fuel and Lights,	319.50
Young People's Club, All Souls' Church,		Repairs and Furnishing,	506.78
to make three Life Memberships,	\$150.00	Medicines,	31.48
Received from Fair,	500.00	Printing Annual Report,	67.87
Miss Anna Everett, for Bartlett Room,	50.00	Safe Deposit Vaults,	15.00
Miss Isabel Harrington, for Simmons		Water Tax,	30.00
Room,	50.00	Dr. J. H. Streeter,	100.00
Mary F. Leeman, for A. F. Leeman		Funeral Expenses, Mrs. E. F. Melvin,	61.92
Room,	50.00	Incidentals,	125.19
One hundred and thirty-three of \$1.00,	133.00	Real Estate, grading Barton Street,	\$275 00
Three of \$2.00,	6.00	Tablets,	335.80
Four of \$3.00,	12.00	Balance,	1,283.50
Five of \$5.00,	25.00		
Received from Exchange of Investments,			
	976.00		
	225.63		
	<u>\$7,498.61</u>		<u>\$7,498.61</u>

Boston, March 31, 1892.

Boston, April 13, 1892.

Accounts and vouchers examined and found correct.

R. B. FAIRBAIRN, *Auditor*.

ROXBURY HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED WOMEN.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS ON HAND MARCH 31, 1892.

PAR VAL.				MARKET VAL.
\$7,000.00	New York & New England R.R. Bonds, .	7%	\$119	\$8,330.00
2,000.00	Eastern R.R. Bonds,	6%	122	2,440.00
500.00	Columbus & Hocking Valley R.R. Bonds,	7%	106	530.00
1,000.00	Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf R.R. Bonds,	7%	110	1,100.00
3,500.00	Boston, Concord & Montreal R.R. Bonds,	7%	102	3,570.00
5,000.00	Boston, Concord & Montreal R.R. Bonds,	6%	101	5,050.00
1,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. De-			
	benture Bonds,	5%	101	1,010.00
4,400.00	Forty-four Shares Lowell R.R.,		174	7,656.00
5,000.00	Fifty Shares Albany R.R.,		203	10,150.00
400.00	Four Shares Warren National Bank, . .		135	540.00
2,500.00	Twenty-five Shares Boylston Insurance Co.,		58	1,450.00
600.00	Six Shares Washington Insurance Co., .		88	528.00
2,000.00	City of Minneapolis Bonds,	7%	121	2,420.00
2,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Northern Bonds, .	5%	103	2,060.00
5,000.00	Atlantic & Mutual Insurance Scrip, . .		100	5,000.00
4,000.00	Louisville, N. Albany & Chicago Bonds, .	6%	100	4,000.00
8,000.00	Chicago Junction R.R. and Stock Yards,	6%	94	7,520.00
1,233.50	Cash on hand,			1,233.50
CAROLINE PORTER FUND.				
1,000.00	Boston & Maine R.R. Bonds,	7%	103	1,030.00
2,000.00	New York & New England R.R. Bonds, .	7%	119	2,380.00
1,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Bonds,	4%	91	910.00
1,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.R. Bonds,	4%	81½	815.00
ADAMS FUND.				
1,600.00	Six Shares Lowell R.R.,		174	2,784.00
1,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.R. Bonds,	4%	81½	815.00
WILLIAM WHITING FUND.				
4,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Bonds,	4%	91	3,640.00
1,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.R. Bonds,	4%	81½	815.00
LOWELL FUND.				
2,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Bonds,	4%	91	1,820.00
1,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.R. Bonds,	4%	81½	815.00
ELLEN M. GIFFORD FUND.				
1,000.00	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Convertible,	5%	110	1,100.00
<u>\$71,733.50</u>				<u>\$81,511.50</u>

BOSTON, April 18, 1892.

Went this day to Union Safe Deposit Vault with Mr. W. A. Paine and verified the above schedule, finding all the securities recorded in said schedule.

R. B. FAIRBAIRN, *Auditor.*

LIFE MEMBERS, \$50.00.

*Mrs. Thomas Adams.
 Mrs. N. J. Bowditch.
 *Miss Louisa Champney.
 Mrs. Jeremiah Plimpton.
 Mrs. Olive E. Hayden.
 Miss Sarah M. Champney.
 *Mrs. George Dove.
 Mrs. David P. Kimball.

Mrs. Henry S. Shaw.
 *William Taylor.
 Mrs. Sophie E. Copeland.
 Mrs. W. A. Root.
 Mrs. H. A. Root.
 Rev. W. H. Lyon.
 Mrs. Emily L. Couthouy.
 Mrs. L. F. Tripp.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION,

ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARDS.

1891-92.

Aldrich, Mrs. C. A.
 Appleton, Mrs. Mary G.
 Appleton, William C.
 Ayer, Mrs. Martha A. H., \$2.

Badger, Miss
 Bacon, Augustus
 Bacon, Mrs. William
 Bartlett, Miss Mary H.
 Bastow, Mrs. M. A.
 Bayley, Mrs. M. R.
 Beaman, Mrs. N. P.
 Bean, Aaron H.
 Bean, Miss Caroline
 Bean, Miss Mary H.
 Bird, Mrs. L. J.
 Blanchard, Mrs. William
 Bolster, Mrs. Solomon J.
 Bosworth, Mrs. D. P.
 Bradford, Mrs. C. F.
 Bradstreet, Mrs. C. A.
 Bray, Mrs. C. F.
 Brigham, Miss E. D., \$5.
 Brigham, Mrs. Lucy T.
 Brown, Atherton T., \$5.
 Bush, Rev. Solon W.
 Bush, Mrs. T. D.

Carr, Mrs. Albert E.
 Carr, John
 Carr, Mrs. John
 Clapp, Eugene H.
 Clapp, Mrs. Eugene H.
 Clarke, Mrs. Mary L., \$2.
 Cobb, Mrs. E. M. S.

Cobb, Miss Elizabeth
 Couthouy, Mrs. William A.

Dary, Mrs. G. A.
 Davis, Miss Elizabeth, \$3.
 Dawson, Miss Sarah
 De Normandie, Mrs. James
 Dean, Miss Lilian F.
 Dillaway, Mrs. Charles K.
 Dillaway, Miss M. E.
 Draper, Mrs. C. E.
 Draper, W. H.
 Dyer, Mrs. F. M.

Edson, Mrs. P. O'M.
 Eliot, Miss Emily B.
 Eliot, Miss Mary L.
 Emmons, Mrs. Henry, \$2.

Fairbairn, Robert B.
 Fish, Mrs., \$25.
 Fletcher, Mrs. K. P., \$50.
 Forbes, Mrs. H. D.
 Foster, Mrs. Anna S.
 Foster, Mrs. Charlotte
 Fowle, Miss C. L.
 Fowle, Miss Helen

Goodwin, Mrs., \$2.
 Green, Mrs. Frank
 Gregory, Mrs. George W., \$5.
 Guild, Mrs. James

Haines, Miss A. M.
 Haley, Mrs. C. L.

Hall, Mrs. Solomon, \$2.
 Harmon, Mrs. Ivory
 Harrington, Miss I. D.
 Harrington, Miss M. S.
 Harris, Mrs. Edward
 Hayward, Mrs. J. W.
 Heath, Miss Elizabeth
 Hemenway, Mrs. A. B.
 Hobbs, Miss Alice A.
 Hobbs, Mrs. George M.
 Hodges, Mrs. A. D., \$25.
 Hodges, Mrs. Danforth C.
 Holden, Miss H. F.
 Homer, Mrs. T. J.
 Homer, Thomas J.
 Howard, Miss H. S., \$3.
 Humphreys, R. C.
 Humphreys, Mrs. R. C.
 Hunneman, Mrs. S. H.

Jackson, Mrs. A. C.
 Jackson, Mrs. L. A.

Kittredge, Francis W.
 Kittredge, Mrs. Francis W.
 Kittredge, F. W.
 Kittredge, Mrs. William

Lamson, Mrs. Joseph
 Lane, Mrs. Benjamin P.
 Lee, Mrs. Luther M.
 Leland, Mrs. William S.
 Loring, David
 Loring, Mrs. David
 Lowell, Miss Anna C., \$3.

Martin, Mrs. Francis
 Martin, Mrs. Henry A., \$5.
 Merrill, Mrs. Moody
 Miles, Dr. E. C.
 Miles, Mrs. E. C.
 Milliken, Mrs. E. T.
 Monroe, Mrs. George H., \$25.
 Morrill, Mrs. George
 Morse, Mrs. Lewis W.

Nazro, Mrs. Fred H.
 Nazro, Miss M. W.
 Nevers, Miss Lucy A.
 Newell, Mrs. James M., \$5.
 Nichols, Mrs. G., \$10.
 Noble, John
 Noble, Mrs. John
 Norton, Mrs. J. H.

Otis, Mrs. Harriet B.

Paine, William A.
 Parker, Mrs. Augustus
 Parker, Mrs. J. Wells
 Parker, Miss M. S.
 Parker, Miss Sarah
 Pettee, Mrs. Seth
 Pierce, Mrs. M. A.
 Plimpton, Charles H.
 Plimpton, Mrs. Charles H.
 Pollock, Mrs. Charles
 Potter, Silas, \$25.

Rice, Mrs. David, \$5.
 Rice, Mrs. George Woods
 Richards, Miss J. A.
 Rogers, Miss Laura D.
 Rogers, Miss Susan S., \$3.

Sargent, Mrs. Epes, \$5.
 Silsbee, Mrs. J. W.
 Simes, Mrs. William
 Smith, Miss A. E.
 Snow, Miss Salome
 Soren, Miss Emily
 Soren, Miss Grace
 Soren, John H., \$5.
 Souther, Horatio H.
 Stanton, Mrs. F. L.
 Stuart, Mrs. C.
 Swett, Miss Eliza G.
 Swett, Miss Ellen L.
 Swift, Mrs. E. W.

Taylor, Mrs. L.
 Thacher, Miss C. B.
 Thompson, Mrs. Augustus
 Tolman, Mrs. James
 Townsend, Miss Anna S.
 Townsend, E. B.
 Townsend, Mrs. John
 Tripp, Mrs. Lucina F.
 Tufts, Miss
 Tufts, A. W., \$10.
 Tuttle, Mrs. Thomas W.

Wadsworth, Mrs. G. W.
 Waite, Edwin
 Waite, Mrs. Edwin
 Ward, Mrs. Francis J.
 Ware, Miss Harriet
 Ware, Mrs. Leonard
 Weld, Miss Susan

Wellington, Mrs. W. H., \$50.
 Wheelock, Mrs. J. Andrews
 Wheelwright, Mrs. George
 Wheelwright, H. G.
 Wheelwright, Mrs. Josiah
 White, Miss Margaret U.
 White, Miss S. D. H.
 Whiting, Mrs. A. J.

Wiley, Miss K. C.
 Williams, Mrs. R. B.
 Williams, Stephen H., Jr.
 Wood, Henry
 Woods, Miss Carrie
 Wortman, Miss M. A.
 Wyman, George H.
 Wyman, Mrs. George H.

Bequests to the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women
 since April 1, 1884 : —

Mrs. Mary Vinton,	\$500.00
Miss Sarah Bradford,	500.00
Mrs. Mehitable Adams,	1,000.00
John H. Eastburn,	3,000.00
Mrs. Catharine C. Humphreys,	1,000.00
Benjamin F. Penniman,	127.73
Mrs. Catharine L. Pray,	500.00
Miss Sarah A. Hart,	2,000.00
Joseph W. Tucker,	500.00
Charles G. Emmons,	500.00
Stephen Williams,	38,710.61
Miss Mary Williams,	5,000.00
Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford,	1,000.00
Mrs. Mary W. Hollingsworth,	400.00

SUNDAY SERVICES.

We wish again to thank the clergymen and laymen who have so cordially ministered at the service which is held for the inmates of the Home each Sunday at 4.30 P.M., except through July and August.

Ministers and laymen who have officiated at the Home for the year 1891-92 : —

Deacon Reynolds.
 Mr. George S. Fiske.
 Mr. Caleb Bradlee.
 Deacon Joseph S. Ropes.
 Mr. Humphreys.
 Rev. B. Gunnison.
 Rev. Mr. Albright.

Mr. Luce.
 *Rev. Mr. Galbraith.
 Rev. E. Palmer.
 Rev. Mr. Paige.
 Rev. A. P. Foster.
 Rev. W. B. Campbell.
 Rev. Dr. Rexford.

Rev. C. L. Goodell.
 Rev. Dr. Kneeland.
 Rev. L. W. Saltonstall.
 Rev. C. D. Mallory.
 Rev. A. H. Plumb.
 Rev. Dr. Danker.
 Rev. W. H. Lyon.
 Mrs. C. J. Goodell.
 Mr. Francis Kittredge.
 Rev. Judson Smith.

Mrs. Patterson.
 Mr. McCleary.
 Rev. Mr. Eliot.
 Rev. A. S. Gumbart.
 Mr. W. A. Holland.
 Rev. A. L. Putnam.
 Mr. Charles Welles.
 Rev. Mr. Smith.
 Rev. Mr. Waldron.

DONATIONS.

We would gratefully acknowledge professional services of Dr. Seaverns, Dr. Lawrence, and Dr. Withington.

Mrs. K. P. Fletcher kindly sent to the Home the sum of \$50.00 as an Easter offering.

Thanks are due several young ladies who have so generously given of their time and strength in reading to the blind and feeble, thus making many weary hours pass so pleasantly.

And kindly gifts from :—

Mrs. Cyrus Harris.
 Mrs. J. M. Gillespie.
 Miss C. E. C. Everett.
 Miss J. D. Hayden.
 Club from All Souls' Church,
 I. H. N.
 Mrs. D. Weston.
 Mrs. K. Fletcher.
 Mrs. T. Plimpton.
 Mrs. J. C. Wells.
 Miss Lillian Clapp.
 Rev. D. W. Waldron.
 Mrs. Lewis Bird.
 Miss Helen Atwater.
 Miss H. F. Holden.
 Miss S. D. White.
 Mrs. Carleton.
 Miss Gunnison.
 Mrs. Henry McElroy.
 Mrs. Silas Pierce.

Miss H. Fowle.
 Mrs. F. Spillman.
 Miss C. Fowle.
 Miss Gertrude Whitcom.
 Miss Nellie Huntress.
 Mrs. J. M. Way.
 Mrs. Eugene Clapp.
 Mrs. C. F. Bragg.
 Mrs. T. J. Homer.
 Mrs. F. Kittredge.
 Mrs. B. Gilman.
 Mrs. M. Oxton.
 Mrs. G. H. Wyman.
 Mrs. S. Bolster.
 Mrs. C. Rust.
 Mrs. A. Parker.
 Miss C. Plimpton.
 Mrs. A. P. Foster.
 Mrs. E. Waite.
 Mrs. C. Foster.

Mrs. O. Davenport.
 Mrs. H. Maynard.
 Mrs. T. Otis.
 Rev. J. De Normandie.

Mrs. F. Tripp.
 Miss L. Nevers.
 Miss L. Champney.
 Mr. Henry B. Dennison.

INMATES.

Miss Eliza Brereton, . . .	74	Mrs. Ellen Lawler, . . .	79
Mrs. Eliza R. Carson, . . .	76	Miss Lydia Learned, . . .	77
Miss Rebecca Chadwick, . .	78	Miss Prudence S. Nichols, .	73
Mrs. Abby B. Child, . . .	76	Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes, . . .	69
Miss M. Louisa Crawley, . .	74	Miss Elizabeth Paterson, . .	77
Miss Elizabeth P. Colley, . .	76	Miss Jane Peer, . . .	75
Miss Elizabeth R. Davies, . .	83	Mrs. Tencie W. Rogers, . .	69
Miss Mary A. Dolan, . . .	63	Miss Eliza A. Sargent, . . .	71
Mrs. Elizabeth Frieze, . . .	68	Miss Sarah Seaverns, . . .	85
Miss Anna D. Fiske, . . .	77	Miss Ellen M. Tibbetts, . .	63
Miss Maria Hanscom, . . .	65	Mrs. Elizabeth Teed, . . .	67
Mrs. Cordelia C. A. Jordan, .	91	Mrs. Sally A. Wormwood, . .	71
Miss Lucy R. Kirby, . . .	63		

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

SECTION 1. James Ritchie, John Rogers, Charles K. Dillaway, and James Waldock, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury, for the purpose of providing for destitute children and aged females, and affording a temporary home for the same, with all the powers and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of thirty thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 3. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, May 30, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

ELIHU C. BAKER, *President.*

May 31, 1856.

Approved.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, June 3, 1856.

A true copy.

Attest :

THOMAS DEWITT,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[CHAPTER 199.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ACT

To change the name of the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation known as the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury" is changed to the "Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women."

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 20, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

JOHN E. SANFORD, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, April 23, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

GEO. B. LORING, *President*.

April 24, 1874.

Approved.

W. B. WASHBURN.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 28, 1886.

A true copy.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

[SEAL.]

DEPUTY HENRY J. COOLIDGE,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE.

AN ACT

Enabling the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and forty of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury," is repealed, and the following is substituted in place thereof: Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 12, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE A. MARDEN, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, Feb. 14, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, *President*.

Feb. 15, 1883.

Approved.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, March 1, 1883.

A true copy.

Attest:

HENRY B. PEIRCE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

BY-LAWS.

ADOPTED APRIL 22, 1884.

ARTICLE I.

The corporation shall consist of the persons named in the Act of Incorporation, all Life and Honorary Members, and of all such persons as shall have received, at any legal meeting of the Board of Managers, a majority of the votes cast at such meeting, and shall pay such sum as shall be voted as the annual assessment. Membership to cease upon non-payment of the annual assessment.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the corporation, under the name of the "Board of Managers," shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, and not more than thirty other persons, all of whom shall be members of the corporation. They shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and shall hold their offices for one year and until others are chosen and qualified. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring during the year.

ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be holden on the fourth Tuesday of April; and the Board of Managers may call special meetings of the corporation whenever in their opinion expedient or desirable, and it shall be their duty to call them whenever requested in writing so to do by twenty members. Notice of time and place of meeting shall be given in one or more newspapers published in the city of Boston at least four days previous to the meeting.

A regular meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the third Tuesday of every month, at such place and hour as they shall direct; and special meetings may be called at any time by the President, Vice-President, or Committee for the month. Notices of such special meetings shall state the object for which they are called. Six members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall have the entire government and control of the Home, and of the general business and property of the Association. They may choose committees from their own members on Finance, Supplies, Repairs, Admissions, and such other committees as may be necessary to perform any special duties. They shall have full power to take any measure which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the corporation; and they shall make an annual report to the corporation, on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the Home, and give an abstract of their doings for the year.

ARTICLE V.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Committee of one or more from the Board of Managers for every month, whose duty it shall be to visit the Home at least once a week, ascertain all needs, make fitting suggestions, give orders for necessary purchases, and submit their report at the succeeding monthly meeting. They shall also have supervision over outside beneficiaries.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer under the direction of the Committee on Finance shall have the charge and care of the finances, shall receive all moneys due, and shall pay all bills which have been approved by the Board of Managers of their authorized committees. He shall render an account annually to the corporation and quarterly to the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.

AUDITOR.

The auditor shall, in the month of April of every year, audit the account of the Treasurer, examine the property of the corporation, and append his report to the Treasurer's annual statement.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Managers, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each, with the names of those present at Board meetings,

and shall notify the members of the Visiting Committee of their term of service, and shall bring to the attention of the Board all communications requiring action.

ARTICLE IX.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Any person who shall contribute the sum of \$50 may become a Life Member by a vote of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE X.

ADMISSION OF INMATES.

Preference shall be given to those applicants who are residents of that part of Boston formerly known as Roxbury. The Managers may, if they deem it expedient, aid beneficiaries at their own home.

ARTICLE XI.

DONATIONS.

All sums received by the Association as donations or bequests, unless the donor or testator shall otherwise prescribe, and all moneys collected, including subscriptions, may be applied to the current expenses of the Institution, or to create or increase a permanent fund, or be otherwise invested at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing By-laws may be altered, amended, or added to by a vote of a majority of the members present at any legal meeting of the corporation, notice thereof having been given of the change proposed in the call of said meeting.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

The visitors for the month shall visit the Home not less than once a week. It shall be their duty to see the inmates, inquire into their condition, and give such encouragement and advice as may be in their power or the circumstances of the case seem to require. The Committee shall have the general oversight of the Matron and the concerns of the family. They shall ascertain the needs of the Institution, and direct the purchase of such articles as may be required for its temporary welfare and comfort. They shall see that the Matron conforms to the rules as to her own conduct and that of the family, and they shall make a monthly report to the Managers of the Institution.

ARTICLE II.

MATRON.

The Matron, under direction of the Visiting Committee, shall have charge of the house. She shall in no case be absent during the night without permission from the Visiting Committee. She shall enforce the rules and regulations of the Managers, and carry out such others as may be prescribed by the Visiting Committee. She shall be present at meals, see that they are properly served, and that all the inmates who are in health are present, and that suitable food be prepared for the sick. She shall report to the Visiting Committee the names of all applicants and the date of application, and, if presents be made to the Institution, the names of the persons making them, and the character of the donation. She shall at all times maintain the respect due to her station, and by kindness, attention, and judicious treatment endeavor to gain the esteem and secure the comfort and happiness of all those under her care. If improper conduct is observed in any member of the family, she shall, after the first offence, report the same to the Visiting Committee. She will, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, have the direction of nurses, domestics, and all other employees in the building. It shall be her duty to see that neatness and good conduct prevail in every part of the establishment, and that all unnecessary fires and lights are extinguished by 9.30 P.M.

ARTICLE III.

ON ADMISSIONS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to visit each applicant and inquire into her circumstances and character, and make a full report to the Board in writing in regard to those deemed by them proper persons for admission to the Home, always accompanied with a certificate from a physician of good standing that he has examined the applicant, and that she has no physical or mental infirmity that should preclude her admission. The Board shall, in all cases, decide upon the admission of candidates. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to keep a record, in which shall be entered the names of all applicants, their respective ages, places of birth and residence, by whom recommended, date of application, and such other information as may be of importance. No person shall be admitted as an inmate of the Home without a recommendation from this Committee.

SECT. 2. No person shall be admitted to the Home unless of American parentage, except by a majority of all the Managers present and voting at a regular meeting; and preference shall always be given to natives or residents of Roxbury.

SECT. 3. Persons under sixty years of age shall not be eligible. In the admission of all persons, they shall be received on probation of three months, at the expiration of which the Board of Managers shall act definitely on the case of each one so received; and, if not confirmed as permanent inmates, the admission fee, deducting three dollars per week, shall be returned.

SECT. 4. The Board of Managers may by vote admit inmates on such terms as the pecuniary condition of the corporation or the circumstances of any peculiar case may seem to demand. Until otherwise ordered, three hundred dollars shall be the fee for admission. Furniture and other articles brought into the house by or for permanent inmates must remain for the benefit of the Home.

SECT. 5. The Board of Managers have the right at any time to discharge and remove from the Home any inmate who has been guilty of disobedient or disorderly conduct, or who, in their judgment, has by her conduct rendered such action necessary for the best interests of the Institution, *provided*, however, that no vote of removal shall be passed, unless the intention to pass such vote shall have been inserted in the notice calling the meeting.

SECT. 6. Inmates who have property must secure the same to the corporation before admission; and, in case of money or other property coming into their possession after their admission, by inheritance, bequest, or otherwise, they must, if they continue in the Home, make the same over to the corporation upon the demand of the Board of Managers.

SECT. 7. Inmates will be required in all cases to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Home, as provided by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.

INMATES.

SECTION 1. The inmates will be required at all times to treat the Matron and Visiting Committee with deference and respect. They will also endeavor, by quiet and gentle manners, to diffuse an air of cheerfulness and good feeling throughout the establishment; and, by acts of kindness and forbearance, to gain the esteem and promote the happiness and comfort of each other.

SECT. 2. Those who are able will be required to make their own beds and to keep their own rooms in order, neat and clean, and, under direction of the Matron, to assist those who are unable to do the same. They will also be expected to assist in domestic duties and in sewing, and generally to render all the services they can for the benefit of the Institution and the comfort of those inmates more helpless than themselves.

SECT. 3. No intoxicating drinks shall be used, except by order of the physician; and, in such cases, they must be administered by the Matron.

SECT. 4. All that is necessary for the comfort of the inmates of the Home will be provided from the funds of the Association. No inmate, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to leave the Institution to solicit assistance or procure work, unless by special permission from the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 5. No inmate will be allowed to interfere with the Matron or to obstruct her in the discharge of her duties, but any one having cause of complaint must present the same to the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 6. If any inmate desires to visit her friends or to go off the premises at any time, permission must be obtained of the Matron, who, before granting the same, must ascertain where the person wishes to go and how long she proposes to be absent.

SECT. 7. All of the inmates who are able will take their meals at the regular table provided for them, and will also attend the Sunday service held for them in the parlor each Sunday afternoon.

ARTICLE V.

Visitors may be permitted any day in the week between the hours of 10 and 12 A.M. and 2 and 6 P.M., and on Sundays after 2 o'clock P.M.

ARTICLE VI.

These Rules and Regulations may be altered, amended, or abrogated, and others prescribed at any regular meeting of the Board of Managers; and, to insure harmony, strict attention should be paid to them.

